

CALFED Interim Governance Structure for Program Implementation

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CALFED is in the process of working with CALFED agencies and stakeholders on the long term governance structures for the Bay Delta Program. A conceptual long term governance structure is expected to be included in the draft EIS/EIR in June. (The ecosystem governance recommendation may not be included in June draft if the California Environmental Trust's expert panel has not been convened).

Although a decision on the long term structure has not been made, state and federal legislation is likely to be needed. Consequently, the long term governance structure is not expected to be in place by the time of the ROD and actually may take several years to finalize. To provide for the transition from planning to long term implementation, CALFED proposes the following interim governance structure .

Policy Group -- Oversight and Coordination

- Continue the CALFED Policy Group to serve as the forum for setting CALFED policy and program priorities, coordination and dispute resolution within and between programs, funding priorities and allocation, assessing overall program performance.
- Policy Group procedures modified to establish voting protocols. Policy Group continues to recommend actions to agencies with primary authority. Voting provides more formalized participation and accountability for each member agency.
- Amend the Framework Agreement and/or CALFED contract as needed

Program Element Implementation (levees, water quality, water use efficiency, storage, conveyance, transfers watershed management, ecosystem, and CMARP)

For the interim, CALFED should serve as the lead entity for overseeing program implementation and coordination. Direct implementation of program actions will remain with the appropriate state, federal, local or private entity. CALFED staff will work with agencies and stakeholders on a policy and technical basis in directing the program. The process adopted for stakeholder and agency involvement will likely vary between program elements depending on the program scope and needs in the first few years. CALFED staff will submit program implementation decisions to the Policy Group for approval. In consultation with CALFED agencies and stakeholders, CALFED will be responsible for:

- Identifying program priorities
- Selecting actions/ projects
- Developing program funding needs
- Monitoring and assessing program performance